

A Bit of Rock History : CCR

TASK 1: READING

What questions do the following paragraphs answer? Choose from the box. There are two extra questions.

- A. How many albums did they make?
- B. Who played in the band?
- C. When did they break up?
- D. What does CCR stand for?
- E. How famous were they?
- F. Where did the band's name come from?



1 _____

It stands for Creedence Clearwater Revival, which was one of the all-time greatest American rock and roll bands. During their short **heyday** in the years 1968-1972, they cut a bunch of three-minute hit singles which have easily stood the test of time and become true classics. The group combined elements of rock and roll, rhythm and blues, blues, country, gospel and various bayou styles - despite the fact that they **emerged** in El Cerrito, a suburb in San Francisco Bay Area, and had never even seen the Mississippi **bayou**.

2 _____

Their line-up was John Fogerty (vocals, guitar), his brother Tom Fogerty (rhythm guitar), Stu Cook (bass), and Doug Clifford (drums)

3 _____

Creedence came from the name of a friend of Tom's, Credence Nuball. The first name, with its **connotations** of believability and integrity, appealed to the group. Clearwater also had two meanings. It came initially from a beer commercial, but also resonated with the **burgeoning** environmental movement of the time. Revival, however, had one meaning. It was the band's **aspiration**.

4 _____

When the Beatles announced their break up in the winter of 1970, CCR became the most successful band and the biggest singles act in the world, despite never landing a #1 single. Always very private, the group never became stars personally to **benefit** their status on the pop charts.

(Source: <http://www.creedence-online.net/faq/>)

TASK 2: VOCABULARY

Which words do the following definitions refer to?

1. a feeling or idea suggested by a particular word _____
2. an area of slowly moving water away from the main river _____
3. something that you hope to achieve _____
4. developing or growing quickly _____
5. appear by coming out _____
6. be suitable or right for _____
7. the most successful or popular period of someone or something _____



TASK 3: GUESS THE BAND

Here comes a list of famous oldies. Can you match them with the bands?

<i>THE BEATLES</i>	<i>THE ROLLING STONES</i>	<i>ANIMALS</i>	<i>CCR</i>



It's My Life
Looking Out My Back Door
Eight Days a Week
Who'll Stop the Rain
Let It Bleed
The House of the Rising Sun
All You Need is Love
Proud Mary
Paint It Black
A Hard Day's Night
Gimme Shelter
Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood

**TASK 4: LISTENING**

Relax and listen to "Have You Ever Seen the Rain". Do the following exercises.

Fill in the missing words

Someone told me _____ ago there's a _____ before the storm,
I know; its been _____ for some time.
When it's _____, so they say, it'll rain a _____ day,
I know; _____ down like _____.

Fill in the missing vowels in the Chorus:

_ w _ nt t _ kn _ w, h _ v _ y _ _ v _ r s _ _ n th _ r _ _ n?
_ w _ nt t _ kn _ w, h _ v _ y _ _ v _ r s _ _ n th _ r _ _ n?
C _ m _ ng d _ wn _ n _ s _ nny d _ y?

Circle the extra words in the next verse. There are two extra words in each line.

Yesterday, and some days before, sun is cold and the rain is hard,
I know; had been that way for all of my time.
Till forever, and on it goes through the circle, too fast and slow,
I know it; it can't be stop, I wonder.

Chorus
Yeah!
Chorus



Answer Key:**Task 1:**

1 – D; 2 – B; 3 – F; 4 – E

Task 2:

- 1 connotation
- 2 bayou
- 3 aspiration
- 4 burgeoning
- 5 emerge
- 6 benefit
- 7 heyday

Task 3

The Beatles	The Rolling Stones	Animals	CCR
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All You Need is Love	Paint It Black	The House of the Rising Sun	Who'll Stop the Rain
A Hard Day's Night	Gimme Shelter	Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood	Proud Mary

Task 4:

The lyrics of "Have You Ever Seen the Rain".

Someone told me long ago there's a calm before the storm,
I know; its been coming for some time.
When it's over, so they say, it'll rain a sunny day,
I know; shining down like water.

Chorus:

I want to know, have you ever seen the rain?
I want to know, have you ever seen the rain?
Coming down on a sunny day?

Yesterday, and days before, sun is cold and rain is hard,
I know; been that way for all my time.
Till forever, on it goes through the circle, fast and slow,
I know; it can't stop, I wonder.

Chorus

Yeah!

Chorus